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For: **THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER LAMINATED MATERIAL**

APPENDIX A

Please amend the following claims as indicated in the following marked-up copy of the claims.

1. (Twice Amended) A laminated material comprising:

- (i) a surface layer comprising a polyolefinic thermoplastic elastomer (A) containing an oily softening agent, and
- (ii) an underlayer comprising a polyolefinic thermoplastic elastomer (B) containing an oily softening agent which underlayer is laminated on the surface layer,

wherein the ratio (a) of the oily softening agent to an amorphous component, or if [the] polyethylene is incorporated, to the total of an amorphous component and

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polyethylene in said thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the ratio (b) of the oily softening agent to an amorphous component, or if [the] polyethylene is incorporated, to the total of an amorphous component and polyethylene in said thermoplastic elastomer (B) satisfy the following requisites;

ratio(a) \geq [0.8 X] ratio (b),

ratio(a) = 5 to 62.5 wt.%, and

ratio(b) = 5 to 62.5 wt.%.

1. (Twice Amended) A laminated material comprising:
- (i) a surface layer comprising a polyolefinic thermoplastic elastomer (A) containing an oily softening agent, and
 - (ii) an underlayer comprising a polyolefinic thermoplastic elastomer (B) containing an oily softening agent which underlayer is laminated on the surface layer,
- wherein the ratio (a) of the oily softening agent to an amorphous component, or if polyethylene is incorporated,

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to the total of an amorphous component and polyethylene in
said thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the ratio (b) of the
oily softening agent to an amorphous component, or if
polyethylene is incorporated, to the total of an amorphous
component and polyethylene in said thermoplastic elastomer
(B) satisfy the following requisites;

$\text{ratio}(a) \geq \text{ratio}(b),$

$\text{ratio}(a) = 5 \text{ to } 62.5 \text{ wt.}\%, \text{ and}$

$\text{ratio}(b) = 5 \text{ to } 62.5 \text{ wt.}\%.$
